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Alice Bravo, the director of transportation for Miami-Dade County, stands inside one of the first new Metrorail cars that are being tested and soon will be on the rails for commuters to ride.

Fed up with Metrorail delays? Check out the new train that should start fixing them

■ **Miami-Dade expects to have its first new Metrorail train picking up passengers before Dec. 1. If that can't help fix the system's problems, nothing can.**

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How old are Miami-Dade's Metrorail trains? Ronald Reagan was a first-term president when the cars first started rolling down the tracks. More than 30 years after their 1984 debut, those same cars have become reliable sources of breakdowns, delays and fuming commuters.

But transit chief Alice Bravo promises that will start to change in the next couple of weeks when suffering passengers are finally able to board the new passenger car she's showing off this weekday afternoon.

"People have been hearing about these cars for years," said Bravo, director of transportation for the county. "Now the new cars are here."

Decades of use and deferred maintenance have left the Metrorail system plagued with breakdowns and unable to operate enough trains to keep up with passenger demand. Ex-



The first four-car train, which features several upgrades, should begin accepting passengers sometime before Dec. 1.

tended waits between trains have led to overcrowding, while the hollowed-out replacement fleet plays havoc with schedules every day in a system that recorded about 21 million boardings in 2016.

After years of delay, Miami-Dade is finally ready to bring into service the first four cars of a new 136-car fleet of Metrorail cars costing more than \$350 million. The first of their

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**IF ALL THE CARS ARE
REPLACED, YOU CAN
EXPECT MUCH, MUCH
BETTER RELIABILITY. I
WOULD BE FAIRLY
OPTIMISTIC.**

CONGRESS GOP bears down on its tax-cut plan

■ **If passed, the tax bill's enactment would mark President Donald Trump's first major legislative accomplishment. Still, significant challenges remain.**

BY DAMIAN PALETTA
AND JOHN WAGNER
Washington Post

Congressional Republicans face critical decisions this week as they move within striking distance on a major legislative package to cut taxes, an achievement party leaders say is crucial to stabilizing the GOP's recent political tailspin ahead of next year's elections.

The House plans to vote on a GOP tax bill by week's end that would slash taxes for companies and overhaul the tax code for virtually every American family and individual. And the Senate Finance Committee expects to vote on its version of the package within the next few days.

Stark differences between the House and Senate tax bills remain unresolved, but there is enough overlap and — so far — muted intraparty resistance, making the White House increasingly optimistic that an agreement can come by Christmas, as President Trump has repeatedly promised.

Enactment of the tax-cut package would mark Trump's first major legislative accomplishment at a point when his job approval rating has dropped to a record low for this point in a presidential tenure.

Still, potential quagmires remain. House and Senate Republicans risk colliding over whether Americans should be able to deduct local property taxes from their federal taxable income. The House GOP bill would allow Americans to deduct up to \$10,000 of those taxes from income as a way to placate complaints from conservatives in high-tax

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IMMIGRATION | TPS POLICY

Despite expulsion threat, many Nicaraguans see U.S. as home

■ **The Trump administration will end immigration protection — known as Temporary Protected Status or TPS, for 2,500 Nicaraguans — which could pave the way for deportation of thousands of other immigrants.**

BY BRENDA MEDINA AND
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For nearly 20 years the Nicaraguan man worked long hours cleaning homes and buildings in South Florida. He started his own cleaning business 11 years ago and now em-

ploys half a dozen work
ers.

He thought he could soon begin to enjoy the fruits of his labor. But now all of that is at risk.

Like many Americans approaching retirement age, the 62-year-old planned to retire next year and start collecting his

benefits. But the Trump administration announced bad news a week ago: It's ending an immigration protection for him and 2,500 other Nicaraguans.

"I worked so many years contributing to Social Security, the retirement plan. Now I wanted to relax," said the man, who spoke to el Nuevo Herald on condition of anonymity.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

NSA spy units strive to recover after leaks, hacks

■ **A serial leak of the agency's cyberweapons has damaged morale, slowed intelligence operations and resulted in hacking attacks on businesses and civilians.**

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AND DAVID E. SANGER
New York Times

WASHINGTON
Jake Williams awoke last April in an Orlando hotel where he was leading a training session. Checking Twitter, the cybersecurity expert was

dismayed to discover that he had been thrust into the middle of one of the worst security debacles ever to befall American intelligence.

Williams had written on his company blog about the Shadow Brokers, a mysterious group that had somehow obtained many of the hacking tools the

United States used to spy on other countries. Now the group had replied in an angry screed on Twitter. It identified him — correctly — as a former member of the National Security Agency's hacking group, Tailored Access Operations, or T.A.O., a job he had not publicly disclosed. Then the Shadow Brokers astonished him by dropping technical

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